AN IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT CHANGES IN
MEDICAID PRESCRIPTION DRUG SERVICES FOR "DUAL ELIGIBLES"

Are you a "dual eligible"? This is someone who is eligible for *both* Medicare and Medicaid. If so, the way you get prescription drugs has changed.

Montana Medicaid used to pay for prescription drugs for dual eligibles. As of January 1, 2006, you will now get your prescription drugs through a Medicare prescription drug plan. This is because of a change in Title XVIII of the Social Security Act.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- Medicaid will still pay for prescribed benzodiazepines, like lorazepam and clonazepam, and barbiturates such as phenobarbital and secobarbital. Medicaid will also still pay for a few prescribed over-the-counter drugs not covered by Medicare prescription drug plans, like aspirin, laxatives, and antacids.

- As long as you remain eligible for and enrolled in Medicaid, Medicaid will pay for your other health care costs which are covered by Medicaid.

- You will need to choose your Medicare drug plan. Try to enroll right away, so that the choice is yours. If you do not choose, Medicare will choose for you, but your enrollment could be delayed. See the back of this notice for a list of the 14 plans in Montana you can enroll in and not pay a premium. If you enroll in a plan that's not on this list, you will pay a monthly premium.

- If the plan you choose doesn't meet your needs, you can change to another plan any time.

- For each prescription drug, you will pay only a $1 or $3 co-pay (or $0 if you live in an institution). There is no deductible or co-insurance.

- Your prescription drug plan will pay for brand name drugs as well as generic drugs.

WHERE YOU CAN GET MORE INFORMATION:

- Your "Medicare & You 2006" handbook.

- 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227 or TTY 1-877-486-2048).

- www.medicare.gov

- Your local SHIP representative at 1-800-551-3191. SHIP is the State Health Insurance Assistance Program. Its staff is specially trained to answer your Medicare questions.

- Your local Office of Public Assistance.

REMEMBER:
This information applies only to "dual eligibles." If you have Medicaid Managed Care (the Passport to Health program), this does not apply to you.

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	Stand-Alone Prescription Drug Plans Eligible to Receive Auto-Enrolled Beneficiaries in Montana As of 12-12-2005				
Plan Number	**Plan Name**	**National Plan?**	**Plan Main Phone Number**	**Plan TTY/TDD Phone Number**	**Plan Website**
S5597-090	Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan	No	1-800-766-3233	1-866-222-3904	www.pennlife.com
S5601-050	SilverScript	Yes	1-866-552-6106	1-866-552-6288	www.silverscript.com
S5644-059	Advantage Freedom Plan	No	1-877-279-0370	1-877-279-0371	www.meds4medicare.com
S5644-080	Advantage Star Plan	No	1-877-279-0370	1-877-279-0371	www.meds4medicare.com
S5660-025	YOURx PLAN	Yes	1-800-758-3605	1-800-716-3231	www.yourxplan.com
S5743-001	MedicareBlue Rx Option 1	No	1-888-832-0075	1-800-693-3819	www.yourmedicaresolutions.com
S5803-094	Community Care Rx Basic	Yes	1-866-684-5353	1-866-684-5351	www.communitycarerx.com/PartD/
S5820-024	AARP Medicare Rx Plan	Yes	1-800-583-4409	1-877-730-4192	www.partdcentral.com
S5820-128	United Medicare MedAdvance	Yes	1-800-583-4409	1-877-730-4192	www.partdcentral.com
S5820-139	United Health Rx	Yes	1-800-583-4409	1-877-730-4192	www.partdcentral.com
S5884-083	Humana PDP Standard	No	1-800-833-6578	1-877-833-4486	www.humana-medicare.com/pdplanding.asp
S5921-248	PacifiCare Saver Plan	Yes	1-800-947-9185	1-800-730-9550	www.prescriptionsolutions.com
S5960-025	Medicare Rx Rewards	Yes	1-866-892-5335	1-800-297-1538	www.medicarerxrewards.com
S5967-059	WellCare Signature	Yes	1-888-888-9355	1-877-247-6272	www.wellcarepdp.com

Medicare beneficiaries who also have Medicaid can enroll in one of these prescription drug plans and pay no monthly premium.

Specific Page References for Changes to this Handbook
Regarding Medicaid Prescription Drug Services for "Dual Eligibles"
(Medicare Part D)

Page 24: Under either **Full Medicaid** benefits or **Basic Medicaid** benefits, if you are a Medicare beneficiary, or eligible to be a Medicare beneficiary, Medicaid does not pay for prescriptions other than:

- prescribed benzodiazepines, like lorazepam and clonazepam,
- prescribed barbiturates such as phenobarbital and secobarbital, and
- some prescribed over-the-counter drugs not covered by Medicare prescription drug plans, like aspirin, laxatives, and antacids.

Page 25: Under the "cost sharing fees section": The first bullet should say:

- For each **covered Medicaid** prescription, cost share will be between $1 and $5, but not more than $25 in one month for all prescriptions.

Another bullet should be added that says:

- There is **no monthly cap on co-pays for the Medicare Part D prescription plan.**

The paragraph below the last bullet should now say:

If you have another health insurance, such as Medicare or a private insurance that pays for the service, then you have no cost sharing for that service **from Medicaid.**

Page 29: Under the "other health insurance" section, add a bullet that says:

- If you have Medicare **and** Medicaid, Medicaid will no longer pay for most of your prescriptions. If you are eligible for Medicare Part A (hospital care) or Part B (health care provider visits), you must still enroll in Medicare Part D (prescription coverage) in order for Medicare to pay for covered prescriptions other than prescribed benzodiazepines, barbiturates, and some over-the-counter drugs.

Page 35: Under "Drugs – Prescription": Under the **Full** and **Basic** columns, add:

- Medicaid will only pay for benzodiazepines, barbiturates, and some over-the-counter drugs for eligible Medicare beneficiaries.

The **Cost Share** column should now say:

- $1 to $5 for each **Medicaid covered** prescription, but never more than $25 in one month for **Medicaid covered prescriptions.**

Page 56: Under "Services which are not covered": Add a bullet that says:

- Most prescriptions for Medicare eligible beneficiaries.

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